

The Tourism & Entertainment Advisory Committee provides expertise regarding these two major industries, identifies key challenges to the industries' growth and offers recommendations for solutions. Recommendations will be featured in the CED's Annual Report, which is prepared for the Governor and Legislature and delivered in February of each year.

The Advisory Committee is chaired by [Dr. Demos Vardiabasis](#) , Professor of Economics at Pepperdine University and a member of the Commission for Economic Development.

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